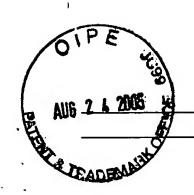
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

- 1. Response to Final Office Action;
- 2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time; and
- 3. Return postcard.

With respect to additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Petition fees of \$510.00, and any additional fees or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

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